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THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT NOT EFFECTIVE.

While the Japanese government protests that it has enforced the gentlemen's agreement with this country, which was signed to stop immigration of the subjects of that nation to this country, still the fact remains that the agreement has not stopped the steady influx. No doubt Japan has stopped immigration directly from that country to the United States by refusing to grant passports. But suppose that the United States had an agreement with Mexico not to issue passports to Americans wishing to enter the southern republic. Does anyone suppose that would hinder Americans who desired to go to Mexico from getting there through other countries or through slipping across the border, without the formality of a passport or by desertion from ships, unless Mexico herself had stringent laws energetically enforced for dealing with Americans caught there without the proper authority?

Nobody supposes it is possible to keep Americans out of Mexico in such a manner. Neither is it possible to keep Japanese out of this country so long as they cannot be arrested, punished and deported if caught. All Japanese subjects in this country and their children remain Japanese subjects, according to the Japanese law, unless specifically released by the Japanese government. There was probably a time when all Japanese everywhere would obey the orders of the Japanese government, but it is likely that that time has passed. Concerning the protection of the legal rights of Japanese already in this country the Japanese government need have no concern for American law will take care of that. Any land acquired while the laws of California permitted Japanese ownership will remain the property of the Japanese owner until it is legally sold of his own free will to another who is entitled to hold property. If the attempts to evade the law by dummy ownership are held by the courts to constitute fraud the land will be forfeited, but otherwise it will remain Japanese. The matter of dummy ownership is one for the courts to decide, and they can be depended upon to give just decisions based upon the facts in individual cases. California's new land law is the only real solution of the Japanese problem which any state has evolved, and it is to be hoped that Secretary Colby will not attempt to nullify it in the new treaty which he is reported to be preparing with the Japanese government.

HELP FOR MINING INDUSTRY.

There is good reason for confidence that the annual session of the American Mining Congress which convenes within a few days in Denver will be able to formulate plans and lay the foundation for legislation that will be of benefit to the mining industry. It will be a gathering of the most able and representative men who are identified with mining, and who know its needs and the limitations of the strain it can withstand without disintegrating.

They likewise know the possibilities for prosperity and industrial progress that are possible under government legislation that will stabilize, encourage and protect the industry instead of suffocating it either by adverse legislation or indifference to the requirements which changed conditions or emergencies may bring about.

One of the outstanding characteristics of mining men is the fact that they are neither "pikers" nor "quitters." They are, as a whole, 100 per cent optimists. It is a business that requires and enlists "fighters" and strong hearts, because it is sometimes hard on the bankroll and a man's nerve. And, after a man is into it, it takes more nerve to quit than it does to go ahead, because of the possibility that the next day or the next week may bring the reward that has been sought.

Mining is a business in which everything is on the "red" side of the ledger until the "big day" comes and ore is revealed in paying quantities, and returns on the investment begin to come in. Sometimes they may stay with a proposition too long; and again a man may quit too soon. But whatever the result, it is all in the game, and accepted philosophically.

But when circumstances arise that threaten every branch and the industry as a whole with disaster, there is something fundamentally wrong with the conditions that surround it. The exactions are too great, the burdens too heavy. By a change in economic conditions pertaining to operations and production, without compensating changes in the price fixed for the product, gold mining is now in the most critical condition in its history. Operating costs have doubled in the last few years, and the price of the metal remains at the old figure of \$20.67 per ounce.

In order not to disturb the monetary system and gold basis of the country, the gold producers are willing to bow to the government's requirements at \$20.67 per ounce, but they feel that other consumers, in manufacture and the arts, which involves the use of the metal by the general public as a luxury, should assume a part of the burden now borne alone by the producers in their efforts to keep their industry alive; and that the government may continue to have a supply of gold, and they ask that this shall be done through an excise tax of \$10 per ounce on newly produced gold absorbed in manufacture and luxury.

This is one of the most important law enactments the mining men will discuss and ask of congress. Its enactment will save the gold mining industry. Refusal will bring ruin to the industry and loss of the millions invested in it, and endanger the financial structure of the nation.

A Washington special says that an investigation of alleged graft in shipping board activities on the Pacific, has led to an annual saving of over \$600,000 in salaries to 369 unnecessary employees and the saving of millions in the blocking of sales of surplus materials. These materials in the Pacific shipyards cost the government about \$20,000,000; and the highest bid for the lot was \$8,000,000, although the material has increased in value. It is now proposed to dispose of the property under a plan that will net more.

The newspaper press of every civilized country on earth gave much space and interested attention to the American elections.

MRS. ROBERT L. CRAIGIE



Mrs. Robert Lester Craigie, wife of the first secretary of the British embassy in Washington, is an American girl, the daughter of Pleasant Alexander Stovall of Savannah, former United States minister to Switzerland.

LADY FARMER

Mrs. John K. Howard of Sacramento has undertaken the development of some land in the section northeast of Junco, having made a claim recently.

Mrs. Howard is an elderly lady who has made a success in California and now desires to continue activity in the development of a virgin country.

If she is successful in developing sufficient water for irrigation, she will have no time in putting the land in shape and planting it in alfalfa, Winemereva Silver State.

CANADA EXPORTS MUCH LIVESTOCK

By Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 11.—Canada's export livestock trade has shown remarkable development in the last few years, according to government statistics. Live cattle exported last year exceeded 500,000 and were valued at \$50,000,000, a sum equal to the combined values of live cattle exported in the five previous years. More than 90 per cent of the exported cattle went to the United States either as butcher cattle or stockers and feeders. During the same period Canada exported 112,517 pounds of fresh and pickled beef, valued at \$20,937,448. The total value of cattle exported, exclusive of canned meats, exceeded \$70,000,000.

DIVISION ELKO COUNTY TALKED

There is renewed talk of the division of Elko county. Carlin, Tuscarora, Gold Circle and part of Pine valley in Eureka county are mentioned as the nucleus of the new county, a bill for the creation of which will be introduced at the next session of the legislature.

John W. Puett, of Carlin, defeated candidate, pledged not to work for county division if elected, is said to be the prime mover of the new attempt to divide Nevada's richest county. He is one of the heavy owners of Carlin real estate and was charged at the time he came out against the fusion candidates to be harboring an idea for county division. The four fusion candidates for the assembly are pledged to oppose county division. Puett states that it will cost \$5000 to create a new county and efforts are being made to raise the money in Carlin. Tuscarora and Gold Circle are said

to be dissatisfied with the work on the roads and the service that has been rendered these districts by Elko county, while the Pine valley district, which is part of Eureka county, is said to be making the same complaint against Eureka. Although there is nothing definite as to just what action is to be taken, it is known that maps of the proposed county have been drawn and that the feeling in Carlin is very strong for the cutting up of Elko county.

On the other hand, the eastern section of the county will oppose any such move on the part of the western section of the county, and if it comes up in the legislature a vigorous battle will be waged to keep Elko county as it now stands.

RENO-CARSON ROAD WORK DISCONTINUED

D. B. Taylor, of the Pitt-Taylor syndicate, while in Carson recently, announced that owing to the unfavorable weather conditions his company has discontinued highway construction work until next spring. Had the cold held off about three weeks longer the pouring of concrete as far as Washoe City would have been completed, making about 13 miles of concrete road, finished between Reno and Carson.

W. P. LAYS OFF 300 MEN

The Western Pacific company laid off 300 section men recently in the vicinity of Elko, and in addition cut down their force at the round house by discharging 32 men. Elko Free Press.

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